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SUBJECT: DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
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3. TO PRESENT TRANSCRIPTS OF PARK'S DEPOSITION TESTIMONY TO A GRAND JURY IN LIEU OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING SUCH INDICTMENTS AGAINST UNITED STATES OFFICIALS OR PERSONS AS MAY BE WARRANTED.

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8. NOT TO INTERPOSE OBJECTION TO ANY REQUEST BY PARK OR HIS COUNSEL FOR APPROPRIATE REVIEW OF PENDING CIVIL TAX MATTERS, INCLUDING LIENS, LEVIES, AND

FORFEITURES PURSUANT TO JEOPARDY ASSESSMENT, BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (SEE NOTE AT END OF MESSAGE).

9. TO PERMIT AND FACILITATE ANY TESTIMONY WHICH PARK MAY WISH TO GIVE IN THE TAX COURT OR OTHER COURTS CONCERNING HIS CIVIL TAX LIABILITIES TO THE UNITED STATES.

10. NOT TO INSTITUTE FURTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST PARK IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ILLEGAL LOBBYING OF U.S. OFFICIALS, EITHER ON THE BASIS OF HIS TESTIMONY OR INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE, PROVIDED HE SHALL  
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2. TO ANSWER FULLY AND TRUTHFULLY ALL QUESTIONS POSED BY UNITED STATES PROSECUTORS. THE QUESTIONS SHALL CONCERN PARK'S RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CONGRESSMEN, AND RELATED ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS MADE BY PARK OR MADE IN HIS PRESENCE. IN ADDITION, PARK MAY BE QUESTIONED ABOUT KOREAN OR AMERICAN PERSONS OR ENTITIES UTILIZED BY HIM TO CONDUCT ANY SUCH RELATIONSHIP. THE QUESTIONING SHALL NOT CONCERN ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS OF ANY OFFICIALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OR ANY THIRD COUNTRY, EXCEPT THOSE CONCERNING, OR OCCURRING IN THE PRESENCE OF, U.S. OFFICIALS.

3. TO SUBMIT, AS REQUESTED BY UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BY A UNITED STATES EXAMINER TO EVALUATE THE TRUTHFULNESS OF HIS ANSWERS DURING HIS EXAMINATION BY UNITED STATES PROSECUTORS.

4. TO WAIVE AND REFRAIN FROM ASSERTING ANY AND ALL TESTIMONIAL PRIVILEGES HE MAY HAVE UNDER EITHER KOREAN OR AMERICAN LAW DECLINING TO FULLY ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS OR TO PROVIDE, OR CAUSE OTHERS TO PROVIDE, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL, OR OTHERWISE TO COOPERATE.

5. TO PRODUCE NOT LATER THAN AT THE DEPOSITION IN SEOUL, KOREA, ALL MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DIARIES, LEDGERS, APPOINTMENT BOOKS, TELEPHONE MESSAGES, BILLS, AND RECORDS, TELEX MESSAGES, LETTERS, REPORTS, MEMORANDA, NOTES AND OTHER WRITINGS OR MATERIALS IN HIS CUSTODY OR POSSESSION OR UNDER HIS CONTROL WHICH ARE OR MAY BE RELEVANT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO PAYMENTS TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED STATES OFFICIALS, OR THE OPERATIONS OF THE GEORGE-TOWN CLUB, OR RICE SALES.

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